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The City Council met in special session at the hour of 1:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the day above written, to continue consideration of the FY 2006 City of Fresno Budget.

Present were Councilmembers Boyajian, Calhoun, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Westerlund and President Dages, City Manager Souza, Interim Assistant City Manager Quinto, City Attorney Montoy, City Clerk Klisch, Assistant City Clerk Salazar, Budget Manager Smith and necessary staff.

(1:00 P.M.) CONTINUED HEARING ON THE FY 2006 CITY OF FRESNO BUDGET

FIRE DEPARTMENT
 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
 GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
 INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT
 PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
 CONVENTION CENTER
 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT - FAX
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
 GENERAL CITY PURPOSE
 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
 CDBG

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Bruegman gave an in-depth PowerPoint presentation which included his department's FY 2005 accomplishments, mission, core values, vision, KRAs and significant issues.

Discussion ensued with Chief Bruegman responding to questions and comments of Councilmembers Duncan, Sterling, Westerlund, Perea, Boyajian and President Dages relative to the opening of Fire Station 18 and when Station 21 would close, ISO rating, what can be done to insure the rating will not go in the wrong direction, need for staff to request assistance to improve the rating if necessary, commendation on the restructuring of fire inspection fees, the new hires and when they will be working, additional questions on the ISO rating including meanings and if there would be a change in premiums, the Four Minutes to Excellence and request for update, enhanced EMS services, frequency of fire department versus ambulance response to calls, dispatch calls, the airport public safety transition and fire staffing, **(2 - 0)**, history of fire apparatus, apparatus and personnel needs, cost and payment method for fire apparatus, if the department's staffing level was standard, goal for engines and firehouse staffing, number of current firefighters, consolidation and related issues, if the Skywatch helicopter assists the department, renovated buildings and inspections, use of vacant buildings for training, recruiting and utilizing faith-based organizations, if the airport public safety transition was occurring more for efficiency, if there was a State law relative to number of firefighters per engine, relationship with the Fig Garden Fire Protection District and assessment for services, if the department was looking at other revenue streams, if fees were now paying the actual cost of services, funding for radio transmitter towers, and reason for the increase in telephone charges. The department was commended by members throughout and there was no further discussion.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

Planning & Development Director Yovino gave a lengthy, in-depth PowerPoint presentation on his department's budget which included a department summary, the major operations, organizational structure, FY 2006 funding sources, operating budget, KRA summary and funding allocation, FY 2006 staffing, and an overview and highlights of the Planning Division, the Building & Safety Services Division **(3 - 0)**, the Code Enforcement Division and the Housing Division.

Lengthy discussion ensued with Mr. Yovino, City Attorney Montoy, City Manager Souza and an unidentified staff member responding to questions and comments of Councilmembers Duncan, Calhoun, Perea and Boyajian relative to the re-write of the zoning ordinance including timeline for completion, if enough funding was available, and need for the staff to ask for help/support if needed, if there were any legal concerns with the code enforcement division being located in the department, historical review of structures and timeline for survey work, if design guidelines built into the general plan were helpful, the Broadway Row project and need to resolve issues, the Jefferson Housing Project and what specifically the \$300,000 of CDBG funds will be spent on, the mixed-use ordinance including when it will be finalized, what type of economic development priority project would benefit from the ordinance, when criteria will be set, and if the ordinance would apply to both

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small and large businesses, the new code enforcement officers for substandard housing and number of structures they can inspect, process for dealing with substandard complexes and time involved, compliance efforts, the real property ordinance, which ordinances apply to vacant single family homes, how the department was reducing its use of CDBG funds, if there were plans to decrease processing times for projects, need to assist small businesses/offer incentives to help improve areas, blighted properties and the vacant building ordinance (**4 - 0**), if a Receivership Program was being considered, and concerns with the combination of church and State, the Neighborhood Quality of Life faith-based initiative, and need to look at other entities to assist with graffiti efforts.

MOTION - Boyajian/Sterling - Reallocate the \$200,000 for the faith-based graffiti program to another area/program to be determined.

Councilmember Boyajian continued and spoke briefly the department's cost recovery efforts, housing funds and determining uses, the Housing Task Force, and major projects (Running Horse, Roeding Business Park, Veterans Home) becoming a reality.

Discussion continued with Mr. Yovino, Assistant City Manager Ruiz and Mr. Souza responding to questions and comments of Councilmembers Westerlund, Calhoun, Boyajian and President Dages relative to need to move as expeditiously as possible on the rezoning/mapping processes, weekend work, support for the substandard multi-family initiative efforts, need for a specific plan for the central/eastern area, support for economic development funding and graffiti efforts, if the city was working strictly with faith-based groups on graffiti efforts, graffiti removal work being intimidating and suggestion to have strictly city workers do the job, illegal garage sale signs and need for enforcement, and the pilot rental rehabilitation program and concern that some of the funds may go to slumlords.

MOTION - Dages/Boyajian - Delete the Rental Rehabilitation Pilot Program and re-appropriate those funds to the Housing Authority Single Family Rehabilitation Program.

Councilmember Boyajian stated he seconded the above motion to keep it on the table but clarified a public hearing on housing, funds and uses was going to be held and he would be making recommendations at that time. The department was commended and there was no further discussion.

MOTION - Westerlund/Sterling - Allocate \$5,000 for city-wide replacement of old Neighborhood Watch Signs with new Mylar signs.

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GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

General Services Director Nerland gave an in-depth PowerPoint presentation on his department's budget which included the department's philosophy, KRAs, FY 2006 revenues, an overview and highlights of the Administration Division, Central Printing, Facilities Management and Clean Air Fleet (**5 - 0**), and FY 2006 pass-through costs.

Councilmembers Sterling and Calhoun commended the department on their accomplishments, awards and budget. Discussion ensued with Mr. Nerland, Budget Manager Smith and City Manager Souza responding to questions and/or comments Councilmembers Perea, Boyajian and Westerlund relative to future renewable energy projects, if any departments were planning projects, Councilmember Perea requesting information be provided to him on departments looking at future projects and offering his assistance to them, the LNG fueling station including upgrades, privatization and need for staff to provide options, the increases in fleet management, materials & supplies, and gasoline funding, additional questions on the LNG fueling station including design, number of trucks it was designed to fuel, concern with designing and paying for a facility that lasts only 12-months, usage, and if the city was getting the miles per gallon anticipated, what the year to date fuel costs were, how the extra cost would be paid, new vehicles/service impacts/if an extended vehicle replacement plan was in place, and how often the LNG station has to be refueled. There was no further discussion.

INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

Chief Information Officer Hendricks thanked ISD and budget staff for their work and gave an in-depth PowerPoint presentation on his department's budget which included KRAs, FY 2005 accomplishments, funding vs. appropriations, authorized positions, and vision for FY 2006 (**6 - 0**).

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Discussion ensued with Mr. Hendricks , Interim City Manager Quinto, Budget Manager Smith and Systems & Applications Manager Haugan responding to questions and/or comments of Councilmembers Calhoun, Duncan, Boyajian, Westerlund and Sterling relative to the increase being due to carry-over funds, PeopleSoft including whether the city was getting its moneys worth and if the upgrade a year ago was a good decision, the one call system/how it will work/if funds were budgeted/implementation, the carryover funds, if the Council Chamber monitors would be improved in addition to the voting system, need to raise Council's electronic voting button, time frame to transition GroupWise to Outlook, number of employees in the department, who makes decisions on upgrades and software and if consultants are used, professional services & consultants line item, amount spent on consultants last year and what services they performed, what is included in consultant contracts, who trains employees when upgrades are made, what's the best/who's in charge/who are the consultants seeming very subjective, if maintenance was free with the Kronos contracts, funding for email software, the time & activity reporting system, if the Vertabase system was still being used, if the department has purchased any products from Kronos, the Hansen program and cost, if departments consult with ISD before purchasing products, if ISD initiated Kronos, the PSI (or ISI) program, commendation on the Save the Bases website and possible future need for it, the call service center and a government magazine's informative article on Hampton, Virginia's center, and commendation on the huge amount of emails blocked for incoming viruses and for being environmentally conscience by providing the public the ability to pay utility bills on-line. President Dages commended the department and there was no further discussion.

The budget hearing was continued to Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Council, the hour of 6:00 p.m. having arrived and hearing no objections, President Dages declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED on the ____21ST _____ day of _____ June _____, 2005.

_____/s/_____ ATTEST: _____/s/_____

Mike Dages, Council President

Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk

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